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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, please consider the remarks as
submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-16, and 18-32 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 25 and 28-32 are presently withdrawn from consideration. Previously, claims 9, 11-13, 16, 18-20, 23, 24, 26, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ohta, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No.: 5,737,105), hereinafter referred to as Ohta, in view of Eskildsen *et al.* (U.S. Patent No.: 5,959,750). These claims are now still rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), except the Examiner replaces Eskildsen with Atlas (U.S. Patent No.: 5,930,024). Also, in the present Office Action, claims 9, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, and 27